



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN STEERING COMMITTEE (BHRSC)
Minutes – September 20, 2018**

Call to Order. Chair Luster called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order at 12:02 P.M. in Rooms N1-N2, Fifth floor, Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Louis Peer, Chair Kate Luster, Deputy Chief John Olsen, Commander Troy Knudson, Greg Winkler, Patty Slatter, Michelle Rose-Barajas, Tim Perry, Tricia Murray, Tami Ellis and Emily Pelz.

Committee Members Absent: Judge Alan Bates, Neil Deupree, Ian Hedges, Linda Scott Hoag, Lance Horozewski, Laura Neece, Samantha Palan, Dave Pluymers, Dr. Ken Robbins, Lindsay Stevens and D.J. Rhodes.

Staff Members Present: Brenda Endthoff, AODA Coordinator; Tera O'Connor, HSD Deputy Director; and Emma Peterson, Public Health Intern.

Others Present: Billy Bob Grahn; Lynda Owens; Tonya Ramsey, Life by Design Counseling; Steve Howland; Melanie Swanson, Compass Behavioral Health; Ethel Below; Andrey Below; and Barb Werfal, WREP.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the agenda, second by Mr. Winkler. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of July 19, 2018. Ms. Murray moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Winkler. ADOPTED.

Review and Discussion of Information related to Implementation of Hub and Spoke Model in Communities and Implications for Rock County. Chair Luster reminded the committee of our previous conversations. She provided a handout of a possible Rock County Hub and Spoke model along with key elements of effective implementation. The committee reviewed the handout. We need to identify what we are in a position to do to start to replicate this model.

Discussion of Draft Work Plan toward Improved Access and Connections in Care. Chair Luster provided a copy of a draft work plan; looking for feedback from the committee. The committee identified that we already have a lot of barrier data. Chair Luster said we need to determine an important measure that we can obtain and track. Mr. Perry feels we need the ability to measure a consumer and agency's resilience. Mr. Winkler said it would be beneficial if we could track how often services are not available when requested. Ms. Luster said we should begin documenting individual challenges and successes so we can find out what works and doesn't work. It was suggested to obtain homeless data from our PATH program.

Ms. Luster said there are available grant funds of \$10,000 to use specifically to increase access to Medication Assisted Treatment. She is looking for ideas on how to accomplish this. One idea was to use the funds to help doctors get trained/waivered or provide funding assistance to physicians who are willing to get waived. We have a list of currently waived physicians. Mr. Perry suggested reaching

out to Advance Practice Nurse Prescribers and Physician Assistants. The committee agreed that physician education is the best use of the funds.

Action Step – Members should collect and track stories of access to care and send them to Ms. Luster. Ms. Luster will bring to the next meeting access data that Human Services has and disparity reflection data that may be relevant. She will send a follow up to other partners requesting any other data available. Mr. Winkler will reach out to Rock Valley to inquire about engaging recovery coaches and peer specialists. Ms. Luster provided a hand out of the AODA Steering Committee systems map. The systems map does show barriers to care. She will email this to the committee and post on the Human Services website. Ms. Luster said that Human Services is currently bottlenecked due to staff turnover which is another barrier to care.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes Related to Strategic Plan Goals. None.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. NAMI Paint the Town Yellow will be held at Palmer Park on October 6th. They have 240 participants registered thus far.

Rock for Recovery (formerly Hope Over Heroin) will be held October 3rd at 5:30 P.M. at the Rock County Fairgrounds. There will be a fun walk before the event.

Mr. Winkler said Rock County Human Services has partnered with BACHC (Beloit Area Community Health Center). Beloit Counseling Center (BCC) will be merging with BACHC. They developed this partnership to improve access to care. They are in a transition period right now. The doors will open on October 1st. BCC clients will be integrated in.

Ms. Werfal said WREP met. Tracy Mayer shared education resources at the meeting. They talked about having a booth at next year's National Night Out. They had a good turnout at Freedom Fest this year. Their meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Job Center from 11:30 to 1 P.M.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018, 12:00 P.M., N1-N2, 5th Floor, Courthouse East.

Adjournment. Mr. Winkler moved to adjourn at 1:02 P.M., second by Ms. Murray. ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
HR Secretary

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